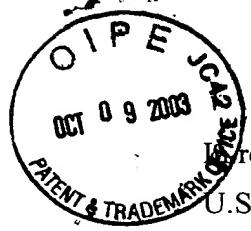


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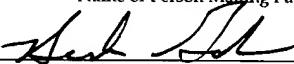
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A Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith.

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